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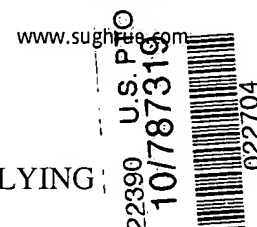
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Re: Application of Takeshi TANAKA
METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR ALIGNING THE STRESS-APPLYING
PARTS OF POLARIZATION-MAINTAINING OPTICAL FIBER, AND
METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR MANUFACTURING A
POLARIZATION-MAINTAINING COUPLER
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Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising 24 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract and 7 sheets of drawings. Copies of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified).

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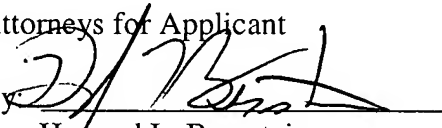
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